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**Algebra Practice Problems**

1. If the average of three numbers is V, one of the numbers is Z , and another is Y, what is the remaining number?

A. ZY - V   
B. Z/V - 3 - Y   
C. Z/3 - V - Y   
D. 3V- Z - Y   
E. V- Z - Y

2. Two cyclists start biking from a trail's beginning 3 hours apart. The second cyclist travels at 10 miles per hour and starts 3 hours after the first cyclist who is traveling at 6 miles per hour. How much time will pass before the second cyclist catches up with the first cyclist?

A. 2 hours   
B. 4 ½ hours   
C. 5 ¾ hours   
D. 6 hours   
E. 7 ½ hours

3. Jim can fill a pool by buckets of water in 30 minutes. Sue can do the same job in 45 minutes. Tony can do the same job in 1 ½ hours. How quickly can all three fill the pool together?

A. 12 minutes   
B. 15 minutes   
C. 21 minutes   
D. 23 minutes   
E. 28 minutes

4. Mary is reviewing her algebra quiz. She has determined that one of her solutions is incorrect. Which one is it?

A. 2x + 5 (x-1) = 9, x = 2   
B. p - 3(p-5) = 10, p = 2.5   
C. 4 y + 3 y = 28, y = 4   
D. 5 w + 6 w - 3w = 64, w = 8   
E. t - 2t - 3t = 32, t = 8

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5. What simple interest rate will Susan need to secure to make $2,500 in interest on a $10,000 principal over 5 years?

A. 4%   
B. 5%   
C. 6%   
D. 7%   
E. 8%

6. Which of the following is **not** a rational number?

A. -4   
B. 1/5   
C. 0.8333333...   
D. 0.45   
E. http://www.testprepreview.com/modules/wbans46_1.PNG

7. A study reported that in a random sampling of 100 women over the age of 35, 8 of the women were married 2 or more times. Based on the study results, how many women in a group of 5,000 women over the age of 35 would likely be married 2 or more times?

A. 55   
B. 150   
C. 200   
D. 400   
E. 600

8. John is traveling to a meeting that is 28 miles away. He needs to be there in 30 minutes. How fast does he need to go to make it to the meeting on time?

A. 25 mph   
B. 37 mph   
C. 41 mph   
D. 49 mph   
E. 56 mph

9. If Steven can mix 20 drinks in 5 minutes, Sue can mix 20 drinks in 10 minutes, and Jack can mix 20 drinks in 15 minutes, how much time will it take all 3 of them working together to mix the 20 drinks?

A. 2 minutes and 44 seconds   
B. 2 minutes and 58 seconds   
C. 3 minutes and 10 seconds   
D. 3 minutes and 26 seconds   
E. 4 minutes and 15 seconds

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10. If Sam can do a job in 4 days that Lisa can do in 6 days and Tom can do in 2 days, how long would the job take if Sam, Lisa, and Tom worked together to complete the job?

A. 0.8 days   
B. 1.09 days   
C. 1.23 days   
D. 1.65 days   
E. 1.97 days

11. Jim has 5 pieces of string. He needs to choose the piece that will be able to go around his 36-inch waist. His belt broke, and his pants are falling down. The piece needs to be at least 4 inches longer than his waist so he can tie a knot in it, but it cannot be more that 6 inches longer so that the ends will not show from under his shirt. Which of the following pieces of string will work the best?

A. 3 feet   
B. 3 ¾ feet   
C. 3 ½ feet   
D. 3 ¼ feet   
E. 2 ½ feet

12. During the last week of a month, a car dealership sold 12 cars. A new sales promotion came out the first week of the next month and they sold 19 cars that week. What was the percent increase in sales from the last week of the previous month compared to the first week of the next month?

A. 58%   
B. 119%   
C. 158%   
D. 175%   
E. 200%

13. If two planes leave the same airport at 1:00 PM, how many miles apart will they be at 3:00 PM if one travels directly north at 150 mph and the other travels directly west at 200 mph?

A. 50 miles   
B. 100 miles   
C. 500 miles   
D. 700 miles   
E. 1,000 miles

14. During a 5-day festival, the number of visitors tripled each day. If the festival opened on a Thursday with 345 visitors, what was the attendance on the following Sunday?

A. 345   
B. 1,035   
C. 1,725   
D. 3,105   
E. 9,315

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Answer Key:  
1. D   
2. B   
3. B   
4. E   
5. B   
6. E   
7. D   
8. E   
9. A   
10. B   
11. C   
12. A   
13. C   
14. E